

CLAIMS

1. A method of knitting a garment with asymmetrically joined sleeves by knitting a body and both the sleeves up to underarm positions to have cylindrical shapes,
5 respectively, then, joining both the sleeves to the body, and then, joining upper ends of a front body and a back body of the body, on a flat knitting machine having a pair of front and back needle beds, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) forming gores at the underarm positions for connecting front sleeves of both the sleeves and the front body without forming any gores between back sleeves of both
10 the sleeves and the back body,

or forming gores at the underarm positions for connecting both the front sleeves and the front body such that the gores between both the back sleeves and the back body become smaller than the gores between both the front sleeves and the front body in the case of forming the gores between both the back sleeves and the back body;

15 (b) rotating at least one of the sleeves and the body in a first direction on the flat knitting machine such that a border between a front side and a backside of the one of the sleeves is positioned between the pair of front and back needle beds, and while knitting the one of the sleeves and the front and back bodies, joining the front and back bodies to the one of the sleeves; and

20 (c) rotating at least the other of the sleeves in a direction opposite to the first direction on the flat knitting machine such that a border between a front side and a backside of the other of the sleeves is positioned between the pair of front and back needle beds, and while knitting the other of the sleeves and the front and back bodies, joining the front and back bodies to the other of the sleeves.

25 2. The knitting method of claim 1, wherein the step (b) and the step (c) are repeated alternately.

3. A garment with asymmetrically joined sleeves including: a body comprising a cylindrical knitted fabric; and both the sleeves each comprising a cylindrical knitted fabric, wherein the body and both the sleeves are joined on sides by knitting operation without sewing, and a front body and a back body of the body are joined at shoulders, and wherein:

(a) front portions of both the sleeves are joined to the front body at underarm positions using gores such that knitting widths of front sleeves of the sleeves becomes narrower than knitting widths of back sleeves of the sleeves above the underarm positions;

(b) the front portions of both the sleeves are joined to the front body at the underarm positions using the gores such that a knitting width of the front body becomes narrower than a knitting width of the back body above the underarm positions; and

(c) the front body and the back body are joined to both the sleeves by overlapping knit stitches without any twist on sides.

4. A knit design device generating knitting data for knitting a garment by knitting a body and both sleeves up to underarm positions to have cylindrical shapes, respectively, then, joining both the sleeves to the body, and then, joining upper ends of a front body and a back body of the body, on a flat knitting machine having a pair of front and back needle beds, the knitting data being used by the flat knitting machine for carrying out the steps of:

(a) forming gores at the underarm positions for connecting front sleeves of both the sleeves and the front body without forming any gores between back sleeves of both the sleeves and the back body,

or forming gores at the underarm positions for connecting both the front sleeves and the front body such that the gores between both the back sleeves and the back body

become smaller than the gores between both the front sleeves and the front body in the case of forming the gores between both the back sleeves and the back body;

5 (b) rotating at least one of the sleeves and the body in a first direction on the flat knitting machine such that a border between a front side and a backside of the one of the sleeves is positioned between the pair of front and back needle beds, and while knitting the one of the sleeves and the front and back bodies, joining the front and back bodies to the one of the sleeves; and

10 (c) rotating at least the other of the sleeves in a direction opposite to the first direction on the flat knitting machine such that a border between a front side and a backside of the other of the sleeves is positioned between the pair of front and back needle beds, and while knitting the other of the sleeves and the front and back bodies, joining the front and back bodies to the other of the sleeves,

wherein the steps are carried out in the order of (a) to (c).